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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing to urge you and your office to allow the recent court settlement with Microsoft to stand on its own merits. I strongly believe that the original antitrust litigation was a total farce and completely unnecessary. It appears that the government is persecuting successful corporations at the behest of the company's competitors. That is WRONG.

The settlement is a fair one and was reasonably negotiated over an over extended period of time. The agreement contains provisions that maintain Microsoft's accountability to the industry and, unfortunately, the to government as well. Microsoft will share information about the internal interfaces of Windows with its competitors, enabling them to more easily place their own software on the operating system.

In addition to the state support for the settlement, there are too many important national priorities that need your attention, beyond the continued review of a successful business entity. With the ongoing war, a destabilized national economy and a faltering international political environment, I would hope you would allow this settlement to move forward and concentrate on the bigger more important picture.

Very truly yours,

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